

From: [Canteenwala, Eric](#)
To: ["Gillette, Maria@DTSC"](#)
Subject: RE: Carver Elementary
Date: Thursday, July 16, 2015 3:33:00 PM

Hey Maria,

Could you please send me the AQMD report when you receive it? I didn't know they went out to the school. Perhaps, that is someone I should reach out to for the Healthy Schools partnership. Also, there are many errors in the DA's original email that we should correct. Ms. Suwol was never a teacher at Carver Elementary. Also, US EPA and DTSC definitely responded to her messages.

-Eric

From: Gillette, Maria@DTSC [mailto:Maria.Gillette@dtsc.ca.gov]

Sent: Thursday, July 16, 2015 3:28 PM

To: Canteenwala, Eric

Subject: FW: Carver Elementary

Hi Eric,

I meant to forward this email to you this morning. Robina contacted the Orange County DA's office regarding Carver ES. I will request Yolanda forward a copy of the referenced AQMD report for our files.

Thanks, M

From: Garza, Yolanda@DTSC

Sent: Thursday, July 16, 2015 10:20 AM

To: Feldstein, Sonia@DTSC; William.Fallon@da.ocgov.com

Cc: Gillette, Maria@DTSC

Subject: RE: Carver Elementary

Hi Sonia and Mr. Fallon,

I am returning your email and phone call with more detail. We have been in contact with Ms Suwol. We have evaluated concerns brought up, provided briefings to her and to the Director. Our Director has spoken with her directly, and USEPA was also brought in by Ms. Suwol. They have been coordinating and sharing information with us and at this time, we see no threat, environmental issues that cause us to be involved in the renovation and upgrading of the school. We appreciate the additional AQMD information, and if the OC DA's office has other information or actions on this concern brought up by Ms. Suwol, please advise. If you need to contact me, feel free to call at (818) 968-9966, or my Senior staff handling this complaint, Maria Gillette at the email cc'd above.

Carver Elementary School - Garden Grove USD. Senate District 43 (Nguyen – R)

1. March 2015 - "Modernization" or renovation work at closed school without DTSC, including removal of pesticide laden soil conducted at 55 year old school. The school is planned to open this August 2015 as a learning center for developmentally disabled children.

2. April 2015 Robina Suwol contacts DTSC and USEPA – health and environmental concerns. DTSC and USEPA evaluate concern and each communicate the finding of no environmental threat to Ms. Suwol.

3. Bond Measure funding used for modernization work, precluding requirements for DTSC 's oversight. DTSC and USEPA have not found evidence to require further investigation.

Thank you for following this concern up with us. Originally, our criminal investigation unit approached us on the OC DA's office, and we identified to them we had already followed up on the complaint. However, I should have ensured Mr. Fallon's office was completely informed. My apologies. If you have any further discussions or need for information, please contact us. I have

attached some information depicted a summary of actions on this complaint.

Sincerely,

Yolanda Garza

From: Feldstein, Sonia@DTSC

Sent: Wednesday, July 15, 2015 6:02 PM

To: Garza, Yolanda@DTSC

Subject: FW: Carver Elementary

Hi Yolanda,

I am following up on the voicemail I just left for you. I was wondering if you might be able to look into this complaint regarding the Mabel Carver school in Stanton. I was contacted by this DDA at the Orange County DA's office who was investigating the validity of a complaint he received from a woman named Robina Suwol. Apparently Ms. Suwol, who was previously a teacher at Mabel Carver and currently the director of "California Safe Schools," forwarded the complaint to Barbara Lee and Maria Gillette of your unit but never received a response. Please let me know if you have some time to discuss.

Thanks so much for your time.

Sonia

Sonia Feldstein

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From: Fallon, William [<mailto:William.Fallon@da.ocgov.com>]

Sent: Wednesday, July 15, 2015 3:38 PM

To: Feldstein, Sonia@DTSC

Cc: Durham, Andy; Betancourt, Rigo

Subject: Carver Elementary

Hello Sonia,

Thank you again for your offer to help look into this issue.

I have attached three emails from Robina Suwol which contain the details of her original complaint to DTSC and the School District. The notice as well as the attachments document the specific complaints surrounding this school.

I have also attached an inspection report from AQMD regarding their investigation into these same complaints.

Please let me know what else you might need from us for this.

I will be out of the office tomorrow but will return on Friday.

Thanks Sonia.

William Fallon
Orange County District Attorney's Office
Environmental Protection Unit

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